

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Satoshi OTSUKA

Group Art Unit: 2811

Application Number: 10/816,955

Examiner: Samuel A. Gebremariam

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED**

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Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 12, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, the response date of which having been extended by one month to April 15, 2006, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.